

## ***In Cold Blood – Vocabulary***

### **Section 1: I “The Last to See Them Alive” and II “Persons Unknown” (3-155)**

**procure** (verb) – to obtain something, especially through effort

**premeditate** (verb) – to plan a crime in advance

**belie** (verb) – to disguise the true nature of something

**privy** (adj) – sharing knowledge of something secret or private

**bereft** (adj) – deprived of somebody or something loved or valued; lacking

**disarming** (adj) – making somebody feel more friendly or trusting

**placid** (adj) – calm and tending not to become easily disturbed

**callous** (adj) – showing no concern if other people are hurt

**volatile** (adj) – changing rapidly from one mood or interest to another; inconstant; explosive

**larceny** (noun) – unlawful removal of another’s property

### **Section 2: III “Answer” and IV “The Corner” (159-343)**

**providential** (adj) – resulting from or seeming to result from divine will; fortunate

**predilection** (noun) – a particular liking or preference for something

**complicity** (noun) – involved with others in illegal or wrong activity

**schism** (noun) – a separation or division into factions

**dissension** (noun) – disagreement from a widely held opinion

**divulge** (verb) – to reveal information, especially that which was previously secret

**disinterested** (adj) – free of bias or self-interest; impartial

**uninterested** (adj) – not paying attention; indifferent; unconcerned

**clemency** (noun) – an instance of showing mercy; an act that moderates the severity of a punishment

**protracted** (adj) – lasting or drawn out for a long time